IV.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* PUBLICATION OF AN ARTICLE IN 'DINA THANTHI'.

MR. SPEAKER: I have received a letter, dated 17th February 1959 from two hon. lady Members, Srimathi Kolanthai Ammal and Srimathi Lakshmikantham drawing my attention to a report of a speech of Sri K. Anbazhagan published in the 'Dina Thanthi' of the 15th February 1959. They raise objection to the following passage:—

"காங்கிரஸ் எம்.எல்.ஏ.க்கள் அத்தனை பேரும் பொம்மைகள். அவர்களில் சேலை கட்டிய பொம்மைகளும் உண்டு. அந்த சேலை கட்டிய பொம்மைகளைக் கண்டதும் மந்திரி சுப்பிரமணியத்துக்கு கல்யாண எண்ணம் உண்டாகிறது."

This is what is stated in the Paper. Before I give my ruling, I would like to ask hon. Member Sri Anbazhagan to state whether what is mentioned there is correct. 10-40 a.m.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN: தலைவர் அவர்களே, தாங்கள் அந்தப் பத்திரிகையிலிருந்து படித்த அந்தத் தொடர்கள் அந்த வகையிலே என்னால் பேசப்படவில்லை. அந்தக் கருத்துக்களுக்கும் நான் பேசிய பேச்சுக்கும் எவ்விதமான தொடர்பும் இல்லை என்று நான் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM rose—

MR. SPEAKER: There cannot be a discussion on this.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: I want to make a submission, Sir. The hon. Member has stated . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I am afraid I cannot allow a discussion on this now. How can there be a discussion now? I am going to give my ruling.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, as far as the hon. Member is concerned, he has made a categorical statement that he did not speak in the manner in which it is published. I would therefore request you to defer this matter for further consideration. We may take it up again on 2nd March. Meanwhile, we may find out whether the Paper concerned could be proceeded against if there is any provision for doing so.

MR. SPEAKER: I was about to say that myself. I am prepared to take the word of the hon. Member and no further action need be taken. I have had no time or opportunity to send for the Editor of the Paper and ascertain the details. So, I was about to say that I shall take up this matter on the 3rd March as it may not be possible to take it up on the 2nd March. Having said this, I would like to take this opportunity to make a general observation, and it is this. Every Member of this House should maintain the dignity of this House and of its Members. There should not be any opportunity for Papers to report speeches of this nature.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, let me add to what you have stated one more thing. I would also like to make this appeal. Particularly, when we speak about lady Members, I hope hon. Members will keep it in mind that they will have to be chivalrous to them. Especially when they have come into the House in spite of their tradition of remaining in their houses, they should be treated in such a way that more and more lady Members are encouraged to come into the House as Members. If speeches like this are made or even alleged to have been made, I am afraid it will certainly discourage other ladies to come into this House as Members. This point may kindly be remembered by all the hon. Members whenever they make a reference to lady Members. That is my only appeal, Sir.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN rose—

MR. SPEAKER : I have already stated that there cannot be any discussion on this matter.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : The Hon. Minister has given some advice. I want to reply to it by way of personal explanation.

MR. SPEAKER : He has only made a suggestion.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN rose—

MR. SPEAKER : If the hon. Member wants, he can give a statement and I shall see whether that could be published later.

V.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* BILL PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Madras Public Health (Amendment) Bill, 1959 (L.C. Bill No. 2 of 1959), passed by the Legislative Council on the 16th February 1959 has been received for the concurrence of the Assembly.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS OPEN PLACES (PREVENTION OF DISFIGUREMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.C. BILL NO. 8 OF 1958)—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday, we were discussing the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 and we have finished the first reading Now, let us proceed with the clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER : The motion is—

" That clause 2 do stand part of the Bill."

SRI S. LAZAR : Sir, I move—

" In sub-clause (*a*), *omit* ' , ' (comma) in between the words ' signs ' and ' or '."

SRI K. B. S. MANI : I second the amendment, Sir.